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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, in view of the urgency of the matter will the Government take up the matter and remedy the defect immediately? If it is not possible for the Government to spend money on this now, will the Government take money from the ryots and do the necessary work? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I understand the Collector has made his report. We are awaiting the report from the Board of Revenue with their remarks."

Appointment of Prohibition Sub-Inspectors.

*232 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that many junior clerks in the Excise department were recruited as Prohibition Sub-Inspectors overlooking the claims of seniors;

(*b*) if so, how many and the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether any Harijans were recruited;

(*d*) if so, how many were regularized;

(*e*) how many were not regularized;

(*f*) whether any preferential treatment was given to Harijans under Article 335 of the Constitution of India; and

(*g*) whether any junior Prohibition Sub-Inspectors recruited from the Excise department have been promoted as gazetted officers; and if so, how many?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " (*a*) & (*b*) The appointment of 11 clerks as Sub-Inspectors involved the passing over of their seniors. The reasons are that the selection of clerks for the Sub-Inspectors' posts is made on the basis of merit and ability, seniority being considered only when merit and ability are approximately equal. Only those who are approved probationers as clerks and who possess the prescribed physical qualifications are eligible for appointment. They should also be temperamentally suitable for such appointment.

" (*c*) to (*f*) No Harijan was appointed as Sub-Inspector of Prohibition as no suitable Harijan candidates were available for appointment.

" (*g*) No, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the declared policy of the Government that the work connected with Prohibition is going to be entrusted to the Police department, may I know from the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition what is to happen to Prohibition Sub-Inspectors? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " They will also be absorbed in the Police department."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition the total number of Prohibition Sub-Inspectors in the State and the percentage of Harijans among Prohibition Sub-Inspectors? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" A separate question may be put."

Lands under pepper cultivation.

* 233 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of Government lands under pepper cultivation in Panathady village, Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) the amount of rent collected by the Government from these pepper cultivators?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 185-63 acres.

" (*b*) The amount of rent collected from the pepper cultivators is Rs. 130-6-0 every year."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that with the connivance of village officials, a large number of people are in possession of Government land which are not included in the figures given by the Hon. Minister and will the Government call for a report on this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I will request the hon. Member to give me some detailed particulars to enable me to take further action on the matter."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" പെപ്പറിനു വിളവിന്റെ എത്ര ശതവീതം റെന്റാണു ഗവമ്മെണ്ട് ഈടാക്കുന്നതു്? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I know only now the amount of rent collected."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

Note.—**Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1954-55—*cont.*

DEMAND XI—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now on the Demand XI—District Administration. I have allotted for this Demand four hours and out of this, two hours have already been taken up. I will ask the Hon. Minister to reply at 11-40 a.m."

* SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA :—" கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஜில்லா நிர்வாகத்தைப் பற்றி இப்பொழுது நான் பேசுகிறேன். ஜில்லாக்களில் ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய நலனைச் சரியாக கவனிப்பதாக இல்லை. உதாரணமாக 10-12 a.m.